

**Table A-6. Number of 1995 and 1996 science and engineering master's degree recipients, by age and major field of degree: April 1997**

Major field of 1995-96 S&E master's degree	Total recipients	Age			
		Less than 25	25-29	30-34	35 or more
All science and engineering fields.....	149,500	6,700	70,500	37,000	35,300
Major type					
Total science.....	102,500	4,200	47,300	23,700	27,400
Total engineering.....	47,000	2,500	23,300	13,400	7,900
Major field					
Computer and information sciences.....	18,200	S	7,400	5,000	5,100
Life and related sciences, total.....	15,300	S	7,200	3,700	3,600
Agricultural and food sciences.....	2,500	S	1,200	S	S
Biological sciences.....	10,500	S	5,300	2,500	1,800
Environmental life sciences including forestry sciences..	2,400	S	S	S	1,100
Mathematical and related sciences.....	7,900	S	3,400	2,400	1,500
Physical and related sciences, total.....	9,700	S	5,200	2,700	1,300
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	3,900	S	2,300	700	S
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	2,400	S	1,100	800	S
Physics and astronomy.....	3,000	S	1,600	1,100	S
Other physical sciences.....	S	S	S	S	S
Psychology.....	26,400	S	12,600	4,100	9,300
Social and related sciences, total.....	25,100	1,200	11,500	5,700	6,700
Economics.....	4,100	S	2,000	S	S
Political science and related sciences.....	8,100	S	4,600	1,600	1,600
Sociology and anthropology.....	4,200	S	2,300	S	1,200
Other social sciences.....	8,700	S	2,600	2,300	3,200
Engineering, total.....	47,000	2,500	23,300	13,400	7,900
Aerospace and related engineering.....	1,500	S	800	S	S
Chemical engineering.....	2,000	S	1,000	400	S
Civil and architectural engineering.....	6,500	S	3,100	1,600	1,400
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	16,100	800	8,100	4,700	2,600
Industrial engineering.....	3,200	S	1,600	1,000	S
Mechanical engineering.....	7,200	S	4,100	2,100	S
Other engineering.....	10,400	S	4,500	3,300	2,200

**KEY:** S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

**NOTES:** Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

These estimates on recent college graduates are obtained from a sample survey of individuals whose most recent bachelor's or master's degree is in a science or engineering field and may differ from degree counts presented in other SRS publications.

**SOURCE:** National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Studies, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 1997